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EDITORIAL

HELPING OUT THE "BEARS"

Lukin Johnston, correspondent of the Southam newspapers in Britain, has done a great deal of harm to Canadian wheat growers this year. His despatches on the wheat situation have been clearly biassed on the "bearish" side, and his lack of understanding of actual world wheat conditions is only too apparent. It is difficult to understand why his activities, which tend to depress prices, have not been curtailed.

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CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR

The early harvest and open fall have provided unusual opportunities to Locals in all parts of the Province to prepare for the Annual Convention by bringing their membership up to strength. Reports from many districts indicate a pronounced increase in interest in the affairs of the Association, and it seems probable that there will be some increase in membership.

A circular from Central Office published on another page calls attention to the importance of early remittance of all dues owing to the Provincial organization. The financial year closes on November 30th, and Locals are requested to forward any of the funds belonging to the Association which they may have on hand to the Central Office at once.

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UNWARRANTED DISCRIMINATION

Definite assurance from the Federal Farm Loan Board of the abandonment of the "blanketing" policy by which certain areas have been excluded from the operation of the Farm Loans scheme is much overdue.

The board is warranted in exercising care in the granting of loans from whatsoever quarter the applications may come. It works under definite rules, and is faced by a difficult task in the initial stages of the operation of the scheme. But those who desire to take advantage of the scheme are entitled to have their applications considered as circumstances permit on the merits of their individual cases. Wholesale discrimination against selected areas is unfair, since it may place farmers in those areas whose position is unquestionably good under handicaps which did not exist before the Board commenced its operations.

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BEFORE THE FACTS AND FIGURES

Quoting a "brilliant writer and investigator" whom its does not name to the effect that "Government ownership is the product of loafing minds and loitering ambitions," the *Farm and Ranch Review* of recent date launches an attack upon the principle of public ownership which in its disregard of proven facts and figures and its ignoring of the actual records of the great publicly owned electrical power enterprises, constitutes an amazing piece of controversial effrontery.

If the *Review* had taken the trouble to read even the brief report of the Power Committee of the U.F.A. Central Board which was presented at the last Annual Convention of the Association, it could have discovered an authenticated, devastating answer to its own charges.

Is the *Farm and Ranch Review* not aware that a comparison of the Ontario Hydro-electric enterprise, for instance, with the enterprises under the control of the United States Trust (as most of the private enterprises are), is altogether favorable, from the standpoint of service, to public as against private ownership and operation—that the rates to the public of large-scale publicly owned systems are on the average very much lower than those of private systems? And that, without impairing the financial soundness of the enterprise, the Ontario Commission is able to give to the farming community rates which make farmers in other parts of the continent envious? And is the successful Telephone Enterprise of the Alberta Government, recognized as one of the most efficient on this continent, the product of or directed by "loafing minds"?

Is this paper not aware that the evidence produced at a Senate investigation in the United States has proved beyond question a widespread and largely successful conspiracy on the part of the Power Trust to corrupt church, school, political life and the press, and that most of the current anti-public ownership propaganda in North America emanates from this source?

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Hold Athabasca U.F.A. Convention on Nov. 21st

Business Will Include Nomination of Candidate for Next Federal Election

To all members of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. in the Federal Constituency of Athabaska.

The annual convention for the above-named Association will be held in Edmonton on Thursday, November 21st, in the Labor Hall, at 1:30 p.m. This will also be a nominating convention as the majority of directors are in favor of having it the same time as the annual Convention, saving the expense of sending delegates on two occasions. Therefore I will urge all Locals to send their full quota of delegates, as it is their duty for democratic control. Delegation will be on the basis of one delegate for every ten paid up members or major portion thereof.

A directors' meeting will be held in the morning at 10:30 o'clock. The business of the convention will be the election of officers, resolutions from Locals, discussion of financial standing of the association, the nomination of a candidate for the next Federal election. In the evening an open meeting will be held. Speakers as follows: Wm. Irvine, M.P., A. Speakman, M.P., D. F. Kellner, M.P., M. Luchkovitch, M.P. and Provincial members who are invited to attend.

Yours truly,
C. F. STIMPFLE,
Sec.-Treas.

Egremont, Alta.

District Meeting Well Attended

Addresses on Livestock Pool and Federal Affairs Given at Big Valley

F. McDonald of the Alberta Livestock Pool and Robert Gardiner, M.P., were speakers at a well-attended meeting of the Big Valley to Munson U.F.A. District Association held at Big Valley on October 31st. President Fearnehough was in the chair, and much important business was transacted.

Mr. McDonald stated his local association had formed and put into operation the first Co-operative Shipping Association on the continent, which had grown until at the present time the Provincial Livestock Association handled about 60 per cent of the livestock marketed in the Province, putting the Pool in the advantageous position of having the packers competing for our hogs and cattle, and thus making the Canadian producer, for the first time, independent of the American market and actually raising the price on the Canadian market above that of Chicago. Mr. McDonald went on to show the advantages of finishing our raw products by the acquisition of packing plants, stating the Government were officiously interested to guarantee 85 per cent of the cost of such packing plants, the balance of 15 per cent being supplied by the producers purchasing shares in such plants. The speaker was heartily applauded and answered a number of questions.

R. Gardiner, M.P., gave a very interesting talk on the work of the past session of the Federal House which was much appreciated.

A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., was also present but owing to the lateness of the hour and the hall being engaged for the evening, his address was postponed to a later date.

Claresholm Holds Successful Convention

School of Agriculture to Remain—Health Certificates Before Marriage Asked

The Claresholm U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association held a largely attended and successful convention on November 6th. The president, E. W. Brown, in his address outlined the work which had been accomplished by the executive during the year, their efforts having been directed principally toward the retention of the School of Agriculture at Claresholm.

A resolution dealing with the matter having been introduced, it was withdrawn after the Hon. Geo. Hoadley, in an address, made the definite statement that the school would be retained in its present location.

The principal resolutions passed were the following:

1. Asking abolition of Boer Farlem.
2. Recommending compulsory health certificate for both parties before marriage.
3. Asking that telephone poles be placed close to the fence lines in place of as at present being six feet out on road allowance.
4. Asking that the Government be advised to consider carefully the ability of the rural population to pay taxes before making unnecessary expenditures for roads.
5. Asking the Department of Agriculture to give aid in securing registered seed and livestock for the farmers of the Province.

The convention also expressed their appreciation and confidence in E. W. Wood as President of the Wheat Pool in a resolution.

The election of officers resulted in the former executive being elected by acclamation, as follows: president, E. W. Brown; vice-president, R. A. Macleod; secretary-treasurer, F. E. Laing.

SUCCESS FOR POOL FOR ALBERTA

The general manager of the Manitoba Co-operative Fisheries, Ltd., says in a letter to *The U.F.A.*: "We are hoping to see Alberta and Saskatchewan line up with us and start Fish Pools in both Provinces. We have only been operating a year, but I am sure that the organization has demonstrated that it is important that the fishermen be organized, and if you are in touch with any legitimate body in the fishing business, who are inquiring about forming a Fish Pool, I would be glad if you would refer them to this office, as we intend to give our moral support to any legitimate organizations who have as their objective the betterment of conditions for the fishermen."

A CORRECTION

The report of the Little Bow Convention which appeared in our last issue may have conveyed a wrong impression of the meaning of Hon. O. L. McPherson's remarks on the subject of redistribution. In his address, Mr. McPherson stated that the question of redistribution would come before the next session of the Legislative Assembly; that in the south the constituencies were fairly small because of the large population, while in the north they were large, which would necessitate some adjustments and changes of boundaries, likely causing dissatisfaction; that population could not be considered the only basis to go on.

Baker Wins Favor for Bill

Addresses Great U.F.A. Rally at Irvine—A Resolution re Land Taxation

"Over 100 cars from the surrounding districts (Many Island, Walsh, Granburn, Newburg, Elkwater, Josephburg, Norton, Thelma, Pashley and Medicine Hat) directed themselves to Irvine on October 16th, to attend a public meeting in the U.F.A. Hall, with Hon. Perren Baker scheduled to speak on the proposed Rural School Act," says a report from S. Wiedeman, chairman of the meeting. "The Minister of Education dealt for an hour and a half with the bill, and was listened to with marked attention by his constituents. Questions asked by several of those present were satisfactorily answered. A resolution emanating from Valley and Clearwater Locals, proposing to raise the standard of teachers before certificates were issued, was satisfactorily dealt with by the Minister. Opponents of the School Bill later stated they had modified their opinions, and stressed the need for correct information and explanation."

The meeting also passed, unopposed, on motion of O. F. Brandt, of Irvine, and C. L. Schultz, of Walsh, the following resolution: "We, residents of the dry belt, in a representative meeting assembled at Irvine, hereby strongly protest against any increase in the valuation of lands for taxation purposes, and request that the valuation now prevailing in the dry belt area be continued with minor adjustments only; and that the member for Cypress riding, Hon. Perren Baker, here present, support our protest in the most positive form."

Best U.F.A. Meetings for Seven Years Are Held in Battle River

"Never in seven years' experience as a Director of the U.F.A. have I had the pleasure of being present at such well-attended meetings as during the tour of the present fall," stated A. F. Aitken, Director for Battle River and a member of the Executive, in an interview with *The U.F.A.* a week ago. "The opportunity was provided of speaking to large numbers of farmers whom I had not addressed before".

Among reasons for this increased attendance at meetings, Mr. Aitken cited the early harvest and the early completion of deliveries of grain owing to the short crop, and the fact that in consequence of prevailing dry weather little if any fall work was being done on the land. But the most important factor contributing to swell the numbers participating in the various gatherings, undoubtedly was the fine spirit of enthusiasm for the U.F.A. movement displayed by the farmers in the face of the adverse conditions of the season, and their determination to make even greater use of their organization as a means of protecting their interests and bettering the condition of agriculture than in the past.

One Local—"Ottawa"—was reorganized north of Vermilion, with nine paid-up members. "The meeting scheduled for Myrtle Hill," stated Mr. Aitken, "was the only one at which no one turned up, and this, I believe, was wholly due to lack of advertising.

New Members Join

"Several of the meetings of Locals were attended by farmers who had not been members of the U.F.A. and there was ready and most encouraging response to the invitation to join the Association made during the course of my address, the strength of these Locals being substantially increased."

Mr. Aitken, in his address, gave an outline of the development of the U.F.A. from the year 1909, when the Association was formed by the amalgamation of the Canadian Society of Equity, and the Alberta Farmers Association. He described a number of the principal achievements of the U.F.A. in its eventful history. Its object from the beginning had been to better the condition of the farmers, through the farmers' own efforts. In safeguarding their interests by legislation and by the creation of great economic organizations, and in many other ways, the farmers, through the Association, had accomplished more than had been dreamed of when the U.F.A. was formed.

Long Educational Effect

In its development to a position of high responsibility and great influence, much educational work on the part of the organization as a whole had been necessary. For this the Locals themselves had been almost entirely responsible. It was as the outcome of the educational work carried on in this manner throughout the years that the farmers acquired the knowledge and experience and sound judgment necessary in the setting up of the various co-operative marketing associations (the Wheat Pool and the other Pools which had followed) which now played so vital a part in the economic life of the Province.

But although the achievements of the organized farmers had been of such great consequence up to the present, the U.F.A. if given the continued support of the farmers throughout Alberta, could render even greater services in the future. What had been done was but a foretaste of what the farmers might do, if they could bring the U.F.A. up to strength and make full use of their organization for the improvement of their condition as producers, and the raising of the standards of citizenship.

Authorizations on Pools

In closing, the Director dwelt upon the serious financial difficulties which confront the farmers as the result of the poor crop season. He pointed out that this condition, however, should not interfere with the payment of dues to their Association, as by signing the authorization forms which are available to every secretary of a Local and to every member, they might provide for the payment of their dues from funds becoming due to them from the Wheat and other Pools.

Mr. Aitken also described the manner in which the proposal to make a presentation to President Wood at the forthcoming Convention was being carried out, and stated that the privilege of contributing to this fund was being confined to members of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. and Junior branch, a limit of 25 cents per member being placed upon all individual contributions.

Meetings were arranged by Mr. Aitken in the first series this fall at the following Locals: Hendersonville, Sheardown, Esther, Kessler, Talbot, Sugar Bowl, Eastervale, Rauvth, Arnold, Roseberry, Orbinsville, Sultana, Creighton, Stutsno, Bloomington Heights, Clavemore, Ottawa, Angle Lake, Louise Lake, Riverton.

Mr. Aitken has subsequently accompanied Mrs. Pickel, U.F.W.A. Director, at meetings arranged in the Ribstone Provincial constituency.

News of U.F.A. Locals

Spring Park U.F.A. Local have recently acquired a player piano.

Harvey Hanson, U.F.A. Director for Bow River, recently organized a new Local at Armada, to be known by that name. John Magnusen and John Larson were elected officers.

Representatives from several adjacent districts were present at a meeting held at Byemoor, when Hon. Perren Baker outlined his proposed new school act. James Pogmore was chairman, says the *Big Valley Journal*.

The matter of securing feed grain for members was discussed at a recent meeting of Hussar U.F.A. Local, states the *Bassano Mail* and a letter was read from the Chief District Engineer, explaining the basis on which allotments were made for road work in the district.

"We had an excellent audience to hear R. E. Spencer's annual address, and the great applause following the vote of thanks to Mr. Spencer indicated the appreciation of the meeting," says a report from Geo. B. Handley, secretary of Foshaw U.F.A. Local.

"We had a crowded schoolhouse when Lawrence Peterson, M.L.A., was present to give some information about organizing a municipality," reports J. T. Hadlington, secretary of White U.F.A. Local. "He gave us quite an interesting talk, finishing up with a few remarks about the organization. The U.F.W.A. Local served refreshments."

A. Speakman, M.P., Mrs. Hepburn and R. Pye, U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. Directors, and Walter Scheidt and Dave Irwin of Didsbury U.F.A. Local, were present at the organization meeting of Westerdale U.F.A. Local, says the *Didsbury Pioneer*. The following officers were chosen: Frank Johnson, president; Mr. Jones, vice-president; and Walter Herbert secretary.

Ed. Anderson and Martin Jensen were re-elected president and secretary respectively at the annual meeting of Bulmer U.F.A. Local. A membership drive was arranged, to conclude on December 6th with the awarding of a prize for the largest number of new members. Those appointed to work on the drive are: Mrs. Geo. Aitken, Mrs. A. Jones, E. C. Willison, Paul Kendrick, J. Dalton and Ed. Anderson.

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of Broadview U.F.A. Local recently, states W. J. McArthur, secretary:

"Whereas the action of the Farm Loan Board in discriminating against certain sections of the Province is unjust;

"Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the Broadview Local, demand that applications for loans be considered on their individual merit, within restricted boundaries."

Stanger U.F.A. Local held a very enjoyable social evening recently, at which they had the pleasure of hearing excellent addresses by the following speakers: M. C. McKeen, M.L.A., who spoke on the proposed new school act; also Mrs. Warr, President of the U.F.W.A., and Mrs. Etheridge, Director, who spoke on the aims and work of the U.F.W.A., and made a strong appeal for new members.—M. S. Gray, secretary.

"Grimshaw U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals suffered a heavy loss when their new hall was burned down on the eve of the dance planned by the U.F.W.A. Local," says a letter from Mrs. A. Forbes. "The hall was erected only four years ago and was just clear of debt. Arrangements are already on foot for the erection of a much more commodious and up-to-date hall which will be built, it is hoped, this winter. Through the kindness of the managers of the Berwyn community hall, the dance was held there and was a great success—almost $80 was cleared after paying all expenses."

Amalgamation of Social Plains, Viewfield and Sharrow U.F.A. Locals was discussed at a joint meeting held at Leland Community Hall recently, says a report from J. D. Rogers, secretary of Sharrow Local. Although many of those present felt that great benefits might be derived

from joining forces, the matter was referred back for further consideration. W. C. Smith, M.L.A., and John Fowlie, Director, gave fine talks on their work. "The meeting showed a splendid U.F.A. spirit, and the farmers ready to co-operate on anything worth while," concludes Mr. Rogers.

About seventy members and visitors attended a recent joint meeting of Painter Creek and Battle Beaver U.F.A. Locals, says a report from W. R. Ewart, secretary of the former Local. Following a short but interesting program, A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., spoke briefly, followed by J. E. Brown, U.F.A. Director, who took for his subject the advancement of science and invention. Lunch was then served by the ladies of the U.F.W.A. Locals.

A record crowd and an excellent program featured an evening's entertainment recently organized by the U.F.A. Local in McCafferty hall, reports the *Provost News*. H. E. Spencer, M.P., presided, and W. C. Farquharson, M.L.A., gave a brief address. Others who contributed to the program were: Misses Evelyn York, Dortha York, N. Pawsey, Doris Gerrie, Lorna Hepworth, Eluned Evans and the Misses Hawkens; Mesdames Cosier, G. Lees, and Mrs. J. C. McKay; Mademoiselle Shand; and Messrs Viewegger, Jimmy Grant, A. C. Muir and W. T. Hays. The school children contributed an action song, under the leadership of Miss McLaggan.

The 8th annual U.F.A. banquet at Westlock was attended by over one hundred guests, says a report from Mrs. M. Diefenbaugh, of the U.F.W.A. Local. Mrs. R. Price spoke on "World Friendship," and "her address and personality won her many friends, and we hope this will not be her last visit to Westlock. Dean Howes spoke on diversions of rural life in the '80's and '90's. He was interesting and delightful as the Dean always is. Geo. MacLachlan, M.L.A., received an interested attention to his talk on our organization. The musical numbers by Mr. McCullough and Mrs. L. Garrison were very enjoyable, as well as the community singing, under the direction of E. Stutchbury."

Mrs. Ware, President of the U.F.W.A., Hon. V. W. Smith, W. T. Lucas, M.P., and R. H. Elliott were speakers at the second annual chicken dinner given by the Camrose U.F.W.A. Local, states a report in the *Camrose Canadian*. Mrs. Ware gave a resume of the development of the farmers' and farm women's movement in Alberta. She suggested that the twenty-first anniversary of the movement might fittingly be commemorated by a determined drive to strengthen the Association's position with a greatly augmented membership. Mr. Lucas reviewed the provisions of the Grain Act, and dealt with the question of immigration. Immigration should be voluntary, he said. Mr. Smith, Minister of Telephones, dealt with roads and proposed roads in the district, and with the matter of feed scarcity. He explained that the Government had made provision to provide for free shipment of hay. Mr. Elliott, president of the Camrose Swiss Club, reviewed the activities of the club.

In spite of the first snowfall of the season, a good crowd turned out on the evening of October 29th at Three Hills to hear the U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. Directors, Mrs. Hepburn and Ronald Pye, and A. Speakman, M.P. The Chairman, Wm. Burns, a loyal, hard U.F.A. worker, pleased the audience by stoutly maintaining that the Wheat Pool had started right there, in the Huxley to Grainger district. Mrs. Hepburn received a warm welcome and left an inspiring message for the women. Mr. Pye gave an interesting talk on co-operation, covering the main arguments in its favor as against the ruinous competitive scramble in which we have so long scrambled. Mr. Speakman touched briefly upon the main features of the work of the U.F.A. group at Ottawa. Some of the high lights of his speech, according to our contributor, were: "The curse of our House of Commons is party politics"; on immigration, "no policy at all, only careful supervision; we do not need to throw our lands—the heritage of our children—on the bargain counter"; "Why is it the drift of men is from the farm to the city? Because the conditions of life and its rewards are not the same, and because with the ever increasing efficiency of mechanical methods not one-fifth as many men are now required as formerly on the land."

HAND HILLS CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Hand Hills U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association was held at Hanna on November 7th. "We had a splendid convention, with the best attendance I have seen for years," states a letter from F. W. Billwiller.

"Revolts from tradition are pretty useless unless they lead to an objective. Far too many rebel armies find their troops up blind alleys."—Henry Dubb.

Locals Requested to Send in All Dues Owing to U.F.A. Central Without Delay

Financial Year closes November 30th—Constitution and Law Require that $2 Be Remitted for Every Member of U.F.A. or U.F.W.A. Local—Legal Obligation Not Understood by Some Locals

To all U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals:

In view of the close of the financial year of the United Farmers of Alberta on November 30th, all Local secretaries are requested to forward to Central Office at once any dues which may be on hand. The sum of $2.00 should be remitted to Central for *every* member of every Local of the U.F.A. or U.F.W.A. This is a legal obligation, and should be met in the strictest possible manner by every Local. The Executive Committee, at a recent meeting, directed that attention be called to this matter.

It has come to the notice of Central Office that in some cases Local secretaries have failed to remit dues in respect to the *total* membership of their Locals. In some instances funds which are legally the property of the Central Association have been used for various local or community purposes, only such monies as will entitle the Local to the number of delegates they desire to send to the Annual Convention having been remitted. That such a practice is not only unfair to the Association (since it hampers the Central U.F.A. financially and leads to the presentation of an apparent membership figure which is numerically lower than the actual number of dues paid in by members in the country), but is contrary to the Constitution and a violation of the law, is no doubt in such instances not realized.

Section 9 of the Constitution reads in part as follows:

Sub-section 3.—A Local shall each year pay to The Association for each member of the Local the sum of $2.00, provided it shall not be required to pay for such of its members as are Life Members of The Association.

Sub-section 4.—The Local shall make payment of all membership fees owing to The Association promptly and at least once every three months.

Attention of the members is also drawn to Section 10, sub-section 14, requiring that upon a Local ceasing to exist all records and books and any monies belonging to that Local shall become the property of the Organization and shall be sent forthwith to Central Office, all such funds and property or proceeds of such property of the Local ceasing to exist to become the property of the Association except in the event of said Local being reorganized and reinstated in good standing within one year, when the funds, books and property, or the proceeds thereof, shall be returned to that Local.

Membership Responsible

The membership of every Local is responsible for seeing that these provisions of the Constitution are complied with. Failure to remit dues in full must mean, as stated, that the full strength of the Association is not reflected in the published figures. And in so far as the numerical strength of the Association may be understated in the official figures, the influence which the representatives of the organized farmers in every field are able to exert in the interests of agriculture is diminished. This is true in the Federal and Provincial fields and in respect to every other activity carried on by officers and elected representatives of the Alberta farmers' organization on public bodies.

To withhold dues is also unfair to the individual members of the Locals who, unless their subscriptions are sent in, will be shown as in arrears on the newspaper list, or in the case of new members will be deprived of the opportunity of receiving *The U.F.A.* paper from the beginning.

Any Local which has in the past failed to send to Central its full quota of dues is therefore urged to take this matter in

head without delay. And, to repeat the opening statement in this letter, all other Locals which have funds in their treasuries are requested to send in to Central Office immediately whatever proportion of these funds is due to the Central organization—THE SUM OF $2 IN RESPECT TO EVERY PAID-UP MEMBER OF THE LOCAL.

Finally, we would strongly urge every Local which has not already done so to open up a bank account into which all dues received should be paid.

Yours fraternally,

F. BATEMAN,
Secretary.

EDUCATION IN RUSSIA

"Assuming the present Russian regime to last for another fifteen years, you will, for the first time in the history of the world, have a scientifically educated governing class at the head of a great state. What the result of that will be I do not pretend to know. It will, undoubtedly, be interesting. . . . In the scientific study of animal heredity Russia is ahead of all the rest of the world except the United States, and I think that in another ten years it will probably be ahead of the United States. —J. B. S. Haldane, biochemist, Cambridge University, and head of the Genetical Department, John Innes Horticultural Institution, in *The Realist*, London, England.

All Who Wish to Participate in Presentation Fund Should Send in Contributions at Early Date

Committee in Charge of Arrangements for Presentation to "The Chief" on Occasion of U.F.A.'s Coming-of-Age Convention Wish to Close List as Soon as Possible

Locals of the Association in all parts of the Province are represented in the lists of contributions now being received to the fund which has been inaugurated for the purpose of honoring President Wood at the U.F.A.'s "Coming-of-Age" Convention by a presentation in behalf of the membership of the U.F.A. in all its branches. Contributions to the fund are accompanied by letters from members expressing very cordial approval of the decision to make a presentation to "The Chief", and appreciation of the high privilege of being able to participate.

In view of the near approach of the Convention, the Committee in charge of the arrangements for the presentation urge that all members of the U.F.A., the U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch who wish to share in this privilege shall send in their contributions at once. As the lists which we have published indicate, the matter has been taken up in many cases at Local meetings, contributions being forwarded by Local secretaries in behalf of the member whose names are enclosed.

The Committee are anxious to close the list at the earliest possible date. We would request, therefore, that every Local and every member who plan to contribute do so without delay. Individual contributions are limited to 25 cents, and the Committee decided to confine the subscription list to members of the U.F.A. in its various branches. Members of the Committee are Messrs. Scholefield, Aitken, Sutherland, Johannson and Mrs. Warr. Subscriptions to the fund should be addressed to Miss Bateman, Secretary-Treasurer.

Contributions received since our last issue went to press are acknowledged below:

Partridge Hill U.F.W.A. and U.F.A. Locals—$5.00 donation.

Alix U.F.A.—
J. M. Smith, A. G. Dittis, W. C. E. Pasby, A. Anderson, J. A. Hamer, D. Morgan, E. W. Cormack, W. Proctor, R. Purkiss, C. Wolferston, J. D. Waterman, Geo. Lane, P. McCallum, Joe Smith, E. D. Neilson, T. Semple, H. M. Pasby, E. Baker, C. E. Stead, J. Serum, all of Alix.

Beechwood U.F.A.—
L. Binnie, C. Carlson, L. Dunn, L. Barber, E. Wissenderfer, L. Donald, W. R. Pickerell, Mrs. H. Critchlow, E. Critchlow, R. A. Critchlow, all of Beechwood.

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J. Tucker, T. Dale, D. Maloney, I. McWhirter, J. Brydon, T. Holmes, S. Yeo, J. B. McEwen, R. Goddard, W. Blodgett, L. M. Fraser, all of Gibbons.

Beaudale U.F.W.A.—$1.00.

Lougheed U.F.W.A.—Donation $5.00.

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J. Noble, J. Brooks, A. Ashead, R. Beattie, E. Vankleeck, M. Welty, S. Judd, J. E. Hare, A. D. Roell, A. Six, H. Lambert, J. Vankleeck, all of Stettler.

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Munson U.F.A.—
R. E. Fraser, R. A. Lamon, W. R. S. Sharpe, all of Munson.

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P. W. Billwiller, Mrs. Louise Billwiller, J. E. Ross, all of Richdale.

Craigmyle U.F.A.—
E. Nelson, J. Davis, Craigmyle.

Delia U.F.A.—
G. E. Newson, Henry Moore, Erwin Dunfield, Mrs. W. L. Carter, Mr. W. L. Carter, John D. McKay, Mrs. G. E. Newson, all of Delia.

Hutton U.F.A.—
Jas. L. Ryan, E. A. Finnegan, both of Hutton.

Rowley U.F.A.—
S. R. Hooper, Hugh A. Edson, both of Rowley.

Sunset Valley U.F.A.—$2.25.

Washisness U.F.W.A. and Juniors—$5.00
Andrew Holmberg, Viking.
J. D. Rogers, Bindloss.
John Barnes, Bindloss.
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W. A. Harvey, Arrowwood.
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E. L. Squires, Calgary.
O. G. Cheram, Cairns.
George McIver, D. R. McIntyre, W. C. Folliott, A. Cairns, W. A. MacLeod, all of Winnipeg.
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Kenneth G. Marsden, Gartly U.F.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lindholm, New Norway.
M. W. Gardiner, Bowmanton-Success U.F.A.

In the list printed in the November 1st issue, wrong addresses of four members were given. These members were: F. Freeman, John Maygard, A. Rupertus, E. E. Wemecke, all of Gwynne.

Other Organization News on Pages 14 and 15

"A great principle of charity is morals is not to blame the fishes for their bad taste in liking to live under water. Yet many philosophers seem to have sinned against this reasonable law, since they have blamed life and nature for liking to change, which is so much as to say for liking to live. Certainly life and nature when they produce thought, turn from themselves towards the eternal, but it is by a glance, itself momentary, that they turn to it; for if they themselves were converted into something changeless, they could neither live, think nor turn. In the realm of existence it is not sinful to be fugitive nor is bad taste to be new."—George Santayana.

Morrin Pool Meeting

(By Pool Publicity Department)

MORRIN, Nov. 2, 1929.—A meeting of Morrin Wheat Pool Local was held here on October 29th with Ray Waters as chairman. The speakers were R. A. MacPherson, director, E. A. Hanson, delegate, and George Chard, field man. At the conclusion of the addresses many questions were asked and everyone went away more contented and with a better spirit. The following resolutions dealing with Wheat Pool matters were carried: (1) In favor of holding two regular meetings of the delegates each year. (2) Opposing compulsory Pool. (3) Favoring the maintenance of the field service force at present level. A resolution in favor of the Wheat Pool going into the flour milling business was defeated.

Legge Promises Co-operation

Andrew Legge, chairman of the United States' Federal Farm Board, informed C. G. Smith, of the Calgary Herald Press, Washington Bureau, that he was in favor of close co-operation between the new farmers' agency in the United States and the Canadian Wheat Pool. "I am as ready to encourage and secure co-operation in the grain growing industry between the United States and Canada as I am to encourage and permit it among our own co-operatives." Mr. Legge stated. "We each help each other to our mutual benefit." Mr. Legge said the people in Canada should well be proud of the Canadian Pool. "It has become a great and strong institution," he said. "I know what they are doing with their wheat right now. They have shown great courage and I wish them every success."

"As I see the situation now that we have got an American central grain selling agency under way, it will be possible for the two organizations to co-operate with each other for more orderly marketing and for stabilization of prices." The farm board head pointed out that in the past there had been no agency in the States with which the Canadian Pool could deal. Such will not be the case from now on and by consultation, by expert study of world producing conditions, by knowledge of world needs, and the available supply, the two organizations shall be able to do much to protect grain growers in both countries.

A Lay of the Pool

By James Fletcher, Kingman, Alta.

Tell me not in mournful numbers
That the farmers won't succeed
In their struggle 'gainst their spoilers,
'Gainst those men they have to feed.
Long the farmer's been exploited,
When the farmer might be free;
Tell me not in mournful numbers
That such things must always be.
Long the farmer sweat and laboured,
Late and early, like a mule,
For the profits of the Grain Trade—
But at last he's joined the Pool.

We may talk of mighty heroes
And the glory they obtain—
Of great Wellington the soldier,
And of Nelson on the main;
But it's of the humble farmer
I shall sing my song today;
Of the farmer on his homestead.
Unto him I'll sing my lay.
Long the Grain Trade's gulled the farmer
And has made of him a fool.
But the future now looks brighter,
For at last he's joined the Pool.

Feed Available for Drought Areas

F. G. Carlyle, Livestock Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, is keeping a list of farmers who have available supplies of hay, feed oats, green feed, feed barley, screenings, and any persons having a surplus of feed should so advise Mr. Carlyle who will furnish lists of prospective buyers.

Special tariff certificates, under which a free freight to drought areas is available, can be secured through the Livestock Commissioner. These certificates should be filled out and approved by either U.F.A. Secretary or the Secretary of the Municipality, and returned to the Department.

If desired the department will then send the certificates direct to the shipper.

Further information about the free freight can be obtained from Mr. Carlyle.

Every possible precaution will be taken by the Alberta Department of Agriculture to prevent the spread of noxious weeds from one section of the Province to another under the arrangement recently reached whereby hay, straw and greenfeed and feed oats and barley will be shipped free of freight charges into those districts where additional feed will be required during the coming winter.

Any shipments of this kind, it is announced by Hon. George Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, must be inspected before being loaded, by an official of the Department, and for this purpose two inspectors have been appointed. In the part of the Province south of Red Deer, inspection of all such shipments must be made by W. G. Lawrie, 325 21st Ave. West, Calgary, and in the northern part of the Province inspections will be made by Frank Stevens, whose headquarters are at the Field Crops Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

Farmers who contemplate selling hay or feed for shipment under the provisions of the free freight tariff are advised that this hay or feed cannot be loaded until the vendor has secured from one of these inspectors a certificate of its satisfactory freedom from noxious weeds, and any person who proposes to ship feed under the free-freight arrangement would be well advised to communicate with the inspector for his district at the earliest possible date in order that such shipments may not be delayed for lack of inspection.

It may be pointed out that in addition to the area originally outlined, in which the free-freight tariff will apply, the following have also been included: Irricana to Conrich, Nightingale to Norfolk, Grainger to Langdon, Bannock to Dalemead, Gleichen to Langdon and Lomond to Arrowwood.

The regulations as originally drafted applied to baled hay and straw, feed oats, threshed or in the sheaf, and grain screenings. Feed barley has since been added to the list of feeds which may be shipped into the designated area under the arrangement whereby half the cost of such shipments is borne by the railway company, and half by the Alberta Government.

LEOPARDS AND THEIR SPOTS

(*Free Press Prairie Farmer*)

Some weeks ago the Free Press took occasion to congratulate Sir Henry Thornton and Mr. E. W. Beatty on the fact that, since the volume of the western wheat crop was so far below average, they would not lose as much money as usual carrying the stuff at the Crow's Nest freight scale. As these gentlemen have often told us, the Crow's Nest rates force the railways to carry grain below cost.

Imagine the astonishment caused by the recent statements of both railway presidents. Mr. Beatty hoped that the terminal congestion will soon be over: "the sooner the better for the railroads, but in the meantime there is little we can do—except pray." Rising from his knees a few days later, Sir Henry remarked that he can see very little light in the situation: "it will cause a very substantial reduction in our net earnings, and that is upsetting after our starting out with such bright hopes of a banner year."

It certainly is upsetting. Are we to believe the railway presidents in bumper crop years or in the years of lean crops? Obviously we cannot believe all they say in every year. It's too upsetting—especially to anyone who was brought up to believe that the Ethiopian cannot change his skin nor the leopard his spots.

The above editorial is of especial interest in view of the fact that the restoration of freight rates to the Crow's Nest pass level, was secured by the U.F.A. and other Farmer members of the House of Commons after a very protracted fight, at the conclusion of which the Farmers' victory was bewailed by the railways as the precursor of blue-ruin for themselves.

E. Williams, of Leduc, commenting on the above editorial, remarks that the railways' plaint in reference to the Crow's Nest rates, recalls to his mind similar statements by elevator companies many years ago. "I came west 17 years ago," he states, "and elevator men told me they were elevating grain at a loss. I believed them. The Wheat Pool Elevators proved differently. Don't let us forget two fallacies exploded."

THE REASON

Lady.—If you must beg, I should think you might at least stay sober.

Tramp—Can't be done, ma'am. When I'm sober I'm ashamed to beg.—*Passing Show.*

PRACTICE

"How gracefully Cushman manages to eat corn on the cob."

"He ought to. He's a piccolo player."—*Union Pacific Magazine.*

Suggested Solution of Alberta's Natural Gas and Power Problems

By ARTHUR J. CANTIN

In the article below Arthur J. Cantin of Edmonton, who has been associated with electrical development in Alberta for fifteen years, makes an interesting contribution to the discussion of the most important Provincial issue now facing the Government and people of Alberta—the issue of public ownership of electrical power.

Mr. Cantin made a report on the possibilities of power development in Alberta in 1916, and after outlining a plan of development stated: "This or a similar scheme will be in operation before 1930." In a map at the end of his report he sketched the probable transmission lines, and it is noteworthy that up to 1929, some 98 per cent of his predictions have proved correct, the transmission lines of the Calgary Power Company and the Canadian Utilities being as outlined in this early report.

Mr. Cantin proposes the setting up of a Provincial Commission to own and control Telephones, Electric Light and Power and Natural Gas, in co-operation with the municipalities.

Unfortunately, the development of the Provincial power enterprises continues to be under private control except in the larger cities. The U.F.A. Annual Convention, in January last, unanimously urged the development of our power resources under public ownership and operation.

A large number of the readers of this article have no doubt visited the Turner Valley oil field, seen the flames shooting possibly one hundred feet in the air, and heard the roar of the seventeen burning gas wells with a varying flow estimated at from two to twenty-seven million cubic feet per 24 hours. It is reported that $5.50 worth of natural gas is wasted to produce $1.00 worth of gasoline and oil.

Efforts were made by the writer to secure information as to the exact amount of gas wasted and the value of gasoline produced. The information, however, is not available.

In this article it is proposed to deal with all the public utilities and suggest a plan of construction and operation which should bring them all under competent and efficient management, as honest as the Government of the day would want it. The writer has travelled in Alberta since 1908 an average of 8,000 miles per year in the course of his duty from Medicine Hat to the Peace River, and has been connected first with the Telephones, then the Telegraph and for the last fifteen years with the electric light and natural gas industries. As a student of the electrical problems of Alberta, he feels impelled to make observations which he believes may prove of value to the future IF acted upon.

Position of Small Plants

For fifteen years I have been brought in daily contact with the operators of the electric light plants and natural gas companies, so that their problems are familiar to me. To my way of thinking the main reason why the municipal plants in the towns have, as a general rule, been unable to provide as good rates as the larger new enterprises and smaller cities of Alberta is their isolation. It is out of the question to think that plants varying from 3 h.p. to 30,000 h.p., of which at one time there were over 175 in Alberta, can work independently and produce as cheaply as any great Province-wide undertaking.

The towns or city burgesses are not willing to spend money to serve neighboring communities with electrical energy. There is no legislation to cover such cases, and money from the local tax payer is not to be spent beyond the municipal limits. The task should be assumed by the Province in co-operation with the municipalities, which should look after the interests of all their citizens.

Those who have used natural gas in their homes for the last few years appreciate the value of a continuous supply of this very necessary commodity, which should be made part of a Provincial Power Scheme, as this would provide the means of securing cheap fuel to the steam generating stations. The readers of this article should bear in mind that the Government in so far as cities and towns are concerned should limit itself to the wholesaling only of any utilities, the municipalities and local districts should have autonomy in their own territory. Such a system seems to have worked very satisfactorily in other parts of the country, and it has the advantage of keeping the petty politicians away. Two more reasons will be given to support this contention.

Government's Strong Position

First and foremost is the matter of credit. The Provincial Government is in a position to borrow money on better terms and in larger amounts than a city or town could. At this point we must not forget that no matter who owns our utilities, they are a growing investment, and whoever furnishes us with the various services must be prepared to assume a larger and larger investment of money each year. Notice that the Provincial Telephone Department started in 1907 with a few hundred thousand dollars. Today it has a capitalization of nearly $25,000,000, and the end is not yet. This has not cost a cent to the taxpayers of Alberta.

Second, the matter of administration acquires great importance when you multiply the plants, each requiring its independent staff, to handle from the smallest to the largest. The Provincial Government with a commission to control the Telephones, Electric Light and Power and Natural Gas and eventually the Street Railway as part of interurban railway development such as that of Ontario, would have the necessary staff to supervise the installation of water works and sewerage. These last two should be purely local affairs and not part of a Provincial system.

Welfare of All Alberta

A manager of Telephones, Electric Light and Power, and Natural Gas in a municipality or district would have a staff of several persons. The responsibility, and the revenue from the various services, would be large enough to warrant paying a salary which would draw good men to the service. A Provincial undertaking of this nature would have the welfare of the whole of Alberta at heart, while a city or district is primarily interested in its own growth and development.

In 1927 there was enough revenue from the various electric light plants in Alberta to pay all charges on plants to the value of about $24,000,000. Since then the two companies in the field have extended their lines into numerous districts and the revenue should warrant a larger expenditure now than it did two years ago.

The natural gas companies had at the beginning of this year 26,200 customers with a gross revenue of $2,652,649, or an average of $101 per connection per year. What should be done with our natural gas is a question which is occupying our best minds at the present time, and it is to be hoped that whatever the solution is, it will bring this very necessary utility to the door of thousands of our householders who have not the benefit to be derived from it.

The whole of the Telephone, Electric Light and Power and Natural Gas services and water works are intimately related to our daily lives. We have to use one or all of them every day no matter where we live. If any efforts of mine will help to bring one or all of these necessities of modern life to the suburban and farm residents I will feel well repaid for my efforts.

A Provincial Commission

What Alberta should have is a Provincial Commission having control of Telephones, Electric Light and Power, Natural Gas, and the supervision of Water Works. Do not jump at the conclusion that the whole of these services are to be directed from Edmonton. My suggestion is that there should be an elective local commission of three, to administer the system in each town or municipality, the mayor or reeve to be one member; the whole to be a co-operative enterprise of the Government with the municipalities, along the lines of what is being done in Ontario. The Government should have the necessary administrative and engineering staff to go to any district if called upon by the local authority, and to make the necessary investigation and report on what a proposed extension of service would cost and to determine the rates to the users. If this extension proves to be a local affair of certain magnitude, the burgesses could vote upon it; if not the approval of the local commission would be enough to proceed with the works.

The idea behind these proposals is that the Provincial Government should do the wholesaling of natural gas, electric light and power, and long distance telephone services at the lowest cost consistent with reliable and efficient service. The above utilities would be under the management

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News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Issued Issued by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool

Alberta Pool Radio Broadcasts

Members Are Evincing Interest in Weekly Talks

With the approach of the winter season, considerably more interest is being manifested by Alberta Pool members in the weekly talks given by the Pool.

Members are requested to listen in every Wednesday evening at 8:30 and the Publicity Department is always glad to hear how the Pool talk comes in. We are particularly anxious to maintain the interest of young people and this year we are offering a young people's booklet to all who write in requesting same.

Judging by letters received, the majority of the Pool members appreciate the weekly Pool radio talk and we believe it is accomplishing a useful purpose on behalf of the organization.

Appreciative

George Rumfrey writes from Kitscoty to say, "Fenham Pool local thank you for the radio talks which are greatly appreciated."

Enjoy Talk

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Johnston, Three Hills: "We have just listened to your talk on the Wheat Pool and enjoyed it very much."

Outsider Can Learn

C. H. Bardell, Redcliff: "I got your talk last night. In fact I get the Pool broadcast every week if possible. If I missed it I would feel that I was missing a great deal. I think it is a fine way of advertising the Pool because the outsider can hear how we are getting on and might change his views and join with us."

Always Hear Talks

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hinton, Saltaux P.O.—"Kindly send us your booklet on the Wheat Pool. Mr. Hinton never fails to turn on the radio to hear the Wheat Pool talk which we enjoy. It comes in very clear."

Thrilling

Frank K. Reading, Morningside: "I thoroughly appreciate your efforts each Wednesday evening. It is thrilling to hear your words of assurance."

Enjoy Talks

Louis Z. Magnant, St. Lina: "I listen to your broadcasts every Wednesday and enjoy them ever so much."

Thankful

J. A. MacGillivray, Provost: "I wish to thank you for the splendid address which was broadcasted this evening."

Listen in Quiet Homes

M. E. Malchow, Stavely: "Just a word to compliment you on the splendid broadcasts. We find here in the country the people who are outside the fold make a studied effort to keep away from Pool meetings. I hope in the quiet of their homes they will listen to these radio lectures."

Too Short

E. Moon, Vulcan: "I have just one criticism of the broadcast, that is, that it is too short. You sure dish out some good stuff and from what I can learn it is appreciated. Our Pool is in the hands of safe and sane men."

Invite Neighbors

Mrs. E. E. Kail, Ryley: "We listen every Wednesday night to the Wheat Pool broadcast and enjoy it very much. We always look forward to the next broadcast and invite a few of the neighbors in each time to hear it."

Criticisms

T. E. Seale, Tofield: "Your broadcasts are good as far as they go but they do not go far enough. The broadcasts are only once a week and then for a few minutes only. It is very easy for a person, with the best of intentions, to miss them altogether. I do not believe the present Wheat Pool broadcast is getting over to the multitude at large. There are too many eggs being put in one basket. I would suggest that the regular Wednesday evening broadcast be continued covering the same material and in addition that in the noon day broadcasts of the Calgary station and the Edmonton Journal there be included daily a news item from the Wheat Pool, such an item to be newsy and dealing with any of the thousand and one interesting things connected with the handling of a two hundred million bushel wheat crop. The item could be of a minute or two duration and known as the Wheat Pool daily news item."

Informative

S. Eggleston, Lethbridge: "The talks over the radio Wednesday evening and the information given are very interesting and instructive to Pool members."

Commendable

Frank Manning, Amisk: "It was a pleasure to hear your talk this evening over the air. The methods of the Wheat Pool should commend themselves to all the farmers."

Tell Us More

John Bielesch, Manville: "Your broadcasts come in fine and we enjoy them. Please tell us some more about the Wheat Pool."

A Wheat Pool Guy

G. R. Hughes, Greenshields: "I may say I am a Wheat Pool guy and proud to be able to say so and always wait for and tune in on the Wheat Pool talks on Wednesday evenings and appreciate them very much."

Coming In Fine

J. L. Cropley, Berrymoor: "Your addresses over the radio are coming in fine. The only thing the matter with them is that they are too short."

Keep It Up

John Rottenbacher, Hardisty: "Your radio broadcasting was good on Wednesday night. I hope you will keep it up."

An Earful

R. W. Rumfrey & Son, Trins P.O: "Your weekly broadcasts are very much appreciated by us. I hope the non-Poolers get an earful."

Thick Skulls

J. Garfield Baker, Bittern Lake: "Just a line to convey to you our appreciation of your Wednesday evening Pool broadcasts. It is not hard to visualize what the condition of the wheat market would be this year if it were not for the Wheat Pool. Your broadcasts are instructive and deal with facts. Keep hammering away. I have hopes that your lectures will eventually permeate the thickest skulls with good results."

Supports Pool Stand

Dennis Galloway, Czar: "Your broadcast came over fine. Last night's was a good one. I am glad that you are taking the stand that you are."

Explanatory

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Findlay, Buffalo: "We enjoy your weekly broadcasts very much. Many things have been explained and the talks are very interesting."

Asks for Copy

David Williamson, Hardisty: "I have just listened to your Wheat Pool broadcast tonight and enjoyed it very much. I would like to have a copy of this broadcast to show to some neighbors who are not privileged to listen in. I think it is a masterpiece."

Remarkable!

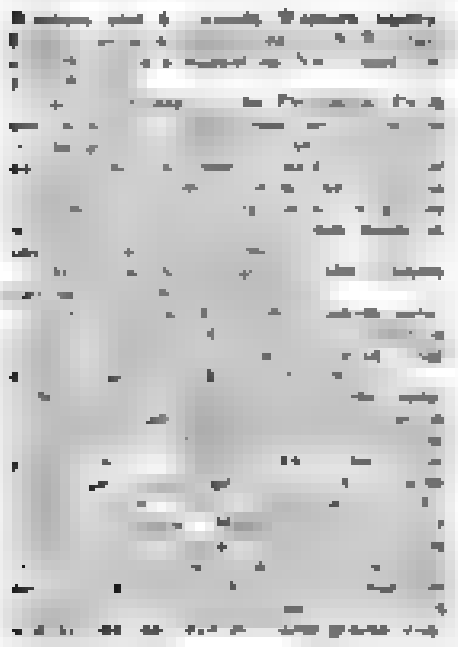
T. J. Clark, Bellshill: "I have just been listening to your broadcast and wish to say that I consider it remarkable. What you said is the most truthful statement of the situation in Western Canada that I have heard or read and I must say I certainly enjoyed reading it. I told my wife that I could listen to your talk for an hour. Any farmer, whether Pool farmer or not, who cannot see these facts must have something wrong with his head."

Coarse Grains Final Payment

Over a million, six hundred thousand dollars was in the mails November 4th as final payments to members of the Coarse Grains Pools of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, on oats, barley, flax and rye, for the 1928-29 crop.

In announcing the payment, G. H. McIvor, General Sales Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool, stated that the final payments by the Central Selling Agency to the Provincial Pools, with all carrying charges deducted, were net payments of 6¼ cents on all grades of oats, 2 cents on all grades of barley, 23¼ cents on all grades of flax, and 7¼ cents on all grades of rye.

The final payments today bring the total initial and interim payments on coarse grains by the Central Selling Agency to the Provincial Pools to 51¼ cents per bushel on No. 1 and 2 C.W. oats; 50¼ cents per bushel on Extra 3 Canada



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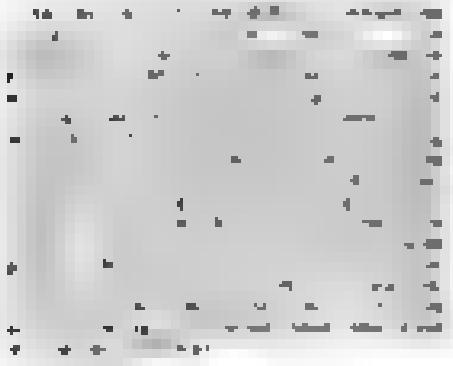

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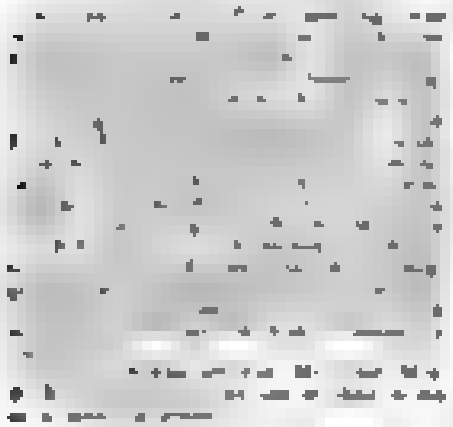

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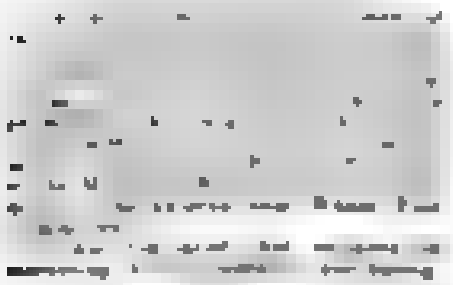

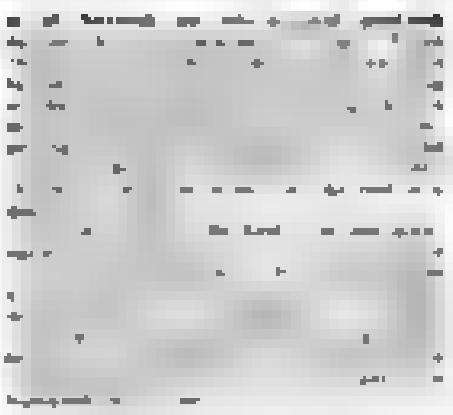

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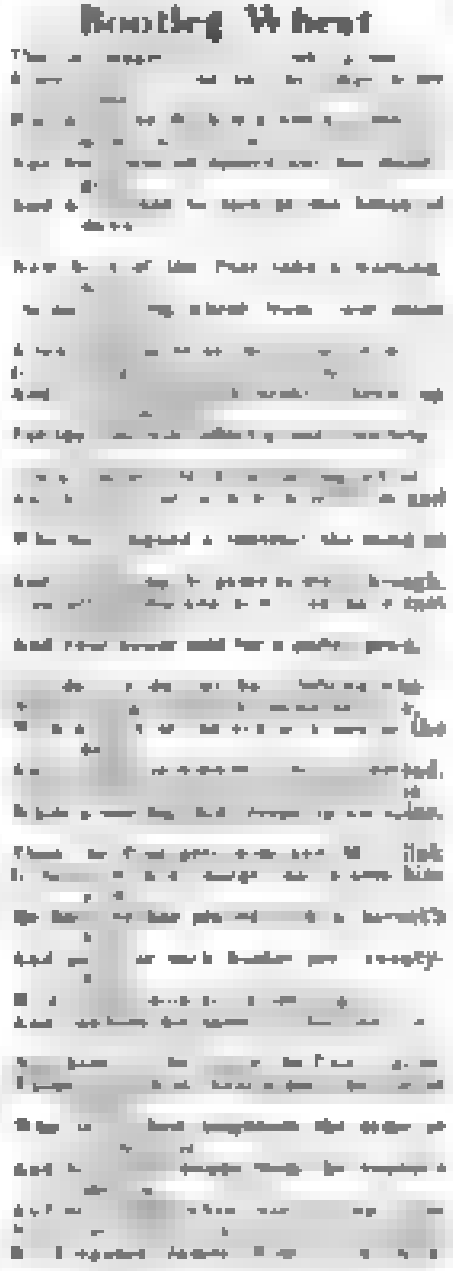

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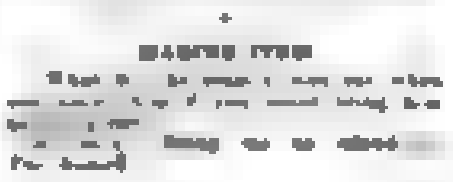

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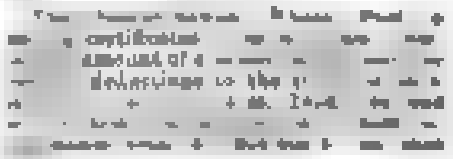

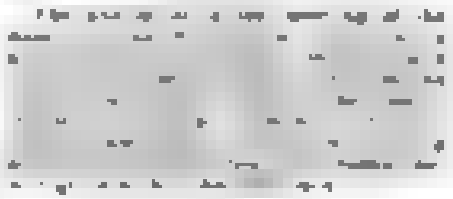

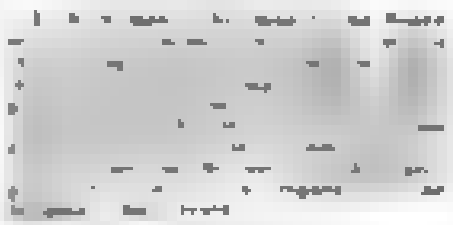

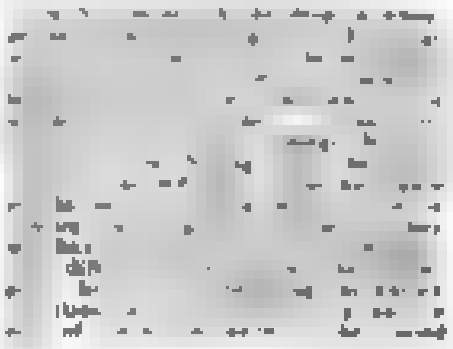

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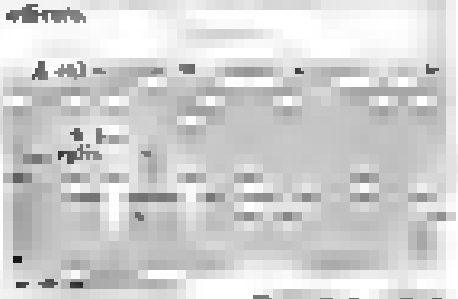

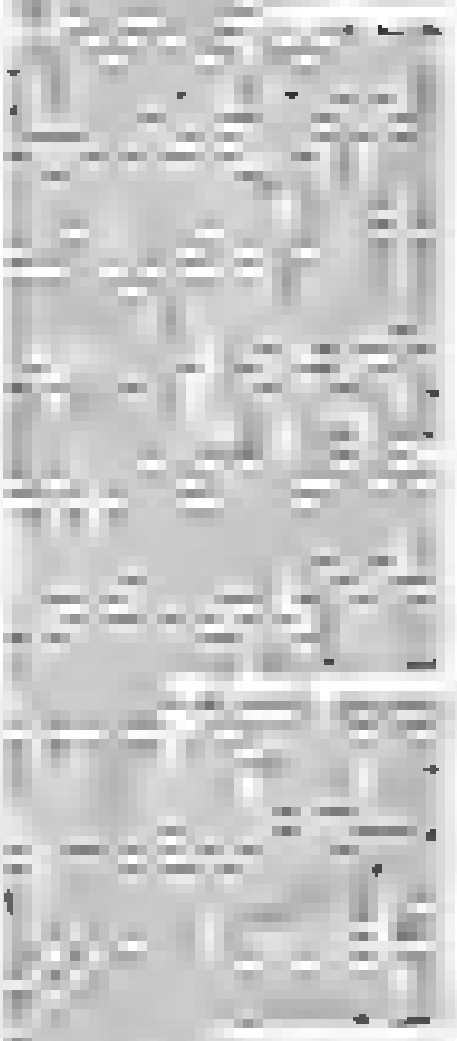

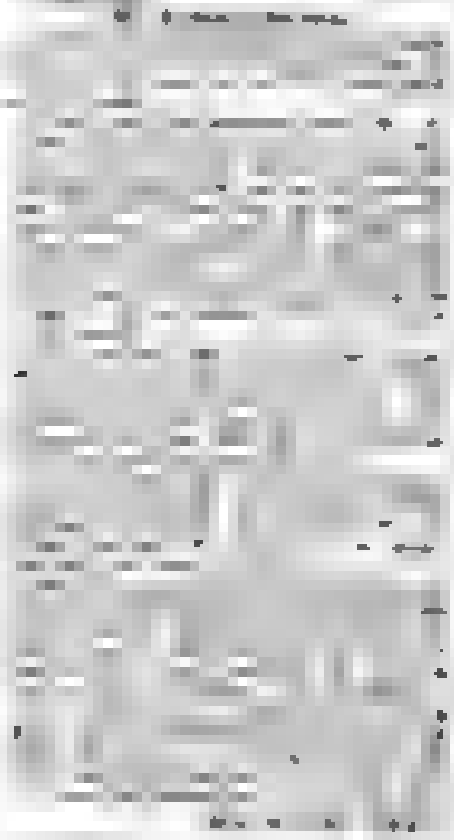

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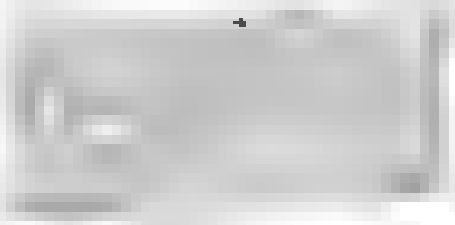

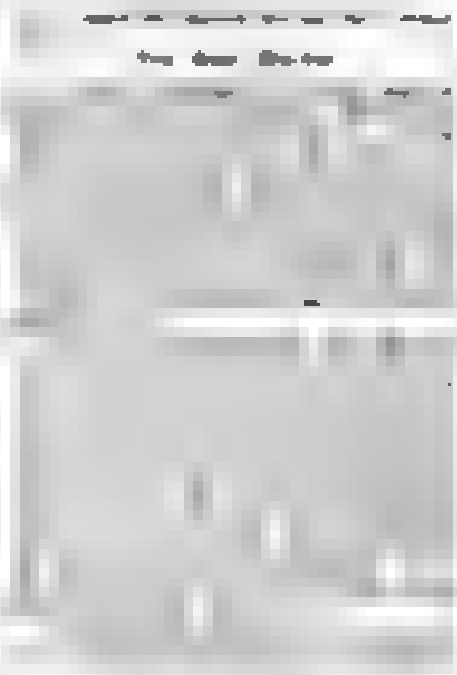

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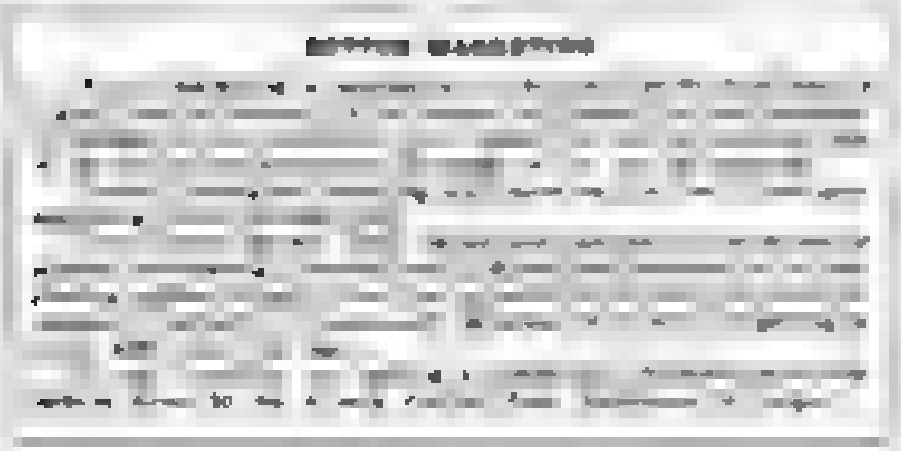

operations, your opportunity to help the movement has arrived. Ship your next can of cream to the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool.

Yours for co-operation,
WILLIAM BURNS.

FEED THE COWS

This season of the year affords a good example of the value of sweet clover for pasture in some sections of the Province that have had a lack of rainfall. Sweet clover produces good pasture even in a dry year.

Wherever farmers substituted a crop of sweet clover in the place of bare summer fallow the productive capacity of the average Alberta farm would be greatly increased. Sweet clover as a dairy and hog pasture is only excelled by alfalfa. As a nitrogenous plant it adds value to the soil. A good crop of sweet clover will smother out weeds, every type of weed and will leave the land in excellent shape for a crop of wheat.

If you have not tried sweet clover, make plans to seed it next spring for pasture in 1930. It can be seeded with any kind of grain. Be earlier in the spring the better. It produces pasture in the fall after the grain is cut, if it has a good stand.

Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital

By REV. A. KELLY

One of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Alberta Municipal hospital scheme is John Harris, an old timer of Grande Prairie. Mr. Harris backs his faith with works, for he helped build the first hospital in Grande Prairie. The log hospital maintained by the U.F.W.A. of the Prairie organization was and operated under the direction of the Rev. M. and Mrs. Forbes back in 1916. And since then his support has never wavered.

The Grande Prairie hospital district takes in practically one million acres of assessable land, a large area. It is proposed to serve the situation in the outlying districts of the center by the establishment of sub-hospitals. Each of these hospitals would be in charge of a specially qualified graduate nurse who could also care for maternity cases, and give first aid in emergency cases.

The subjects of committee of the Grande Prairie Municipal hospital board of which M. Clarence Peel of Beaver Lodge is chairman, has investigated conditions and made some recommendations, but as yet these have not been acted upon though they are under consideration. Behold across the Smoky river and father out all the way was suggested as the first place to build. Twelve Creek 25 miles from Grande Prairie was recommended as the next. Then to the west, somewhere in the neighborhood of Mr. Peel Beaver Lodge district, but the exact districts one can be located. The establishment of an ambulance service is also contemplated.

The new hospital has a good staff, good doctors, a good board, and good management, as with the support of the people in general there seems no reason for anticipating difficulty in future. In fact the board anticipates no trouble. The fact that the people were willing to invest $60,000 in the hospital and undertake the payment of it, is a token that they are prepared to stand behind it.

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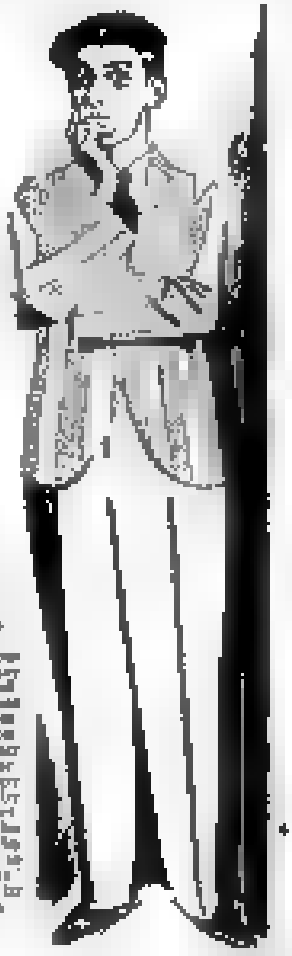

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Activities of the U.F.W.A.

Mrs. Hamilton read a paper on Education at a recent meeting of Wellington U.F.W.A. Local, held at the home of Mrs. Parrott Falk, says the *Grande Prairie Herald*.

"We have been having very interesting meetings, and now are planning a masquerade dance for November 4th," writes Mrs. M. Harrison, secretary of Nightingale U.F.W.A. Local.

The roll call was answered by giving health hints at the last meeting of Wynden U.F.W.A. Local at the home of Mrs. L. Strandquist, says a report in the *Grande Prairie Herald*. A report on subscription was read.

Lake de Mar U.F.W.A. Local gave a supper and dance on the eve of the 5th, and a whist drive on November 8th. Miss Hall has been well attended and a good deal of interest shown, reports Mrs. C. H. Latham, secretary.

Picture Butte U.F.W.A. Local held a very interesting demonstration class, under the direction of Miss Tilley, recently. Although the attendance was rather reduced through sickness, it is hoped to be able to hold a social soon, probably and enjoyable time.

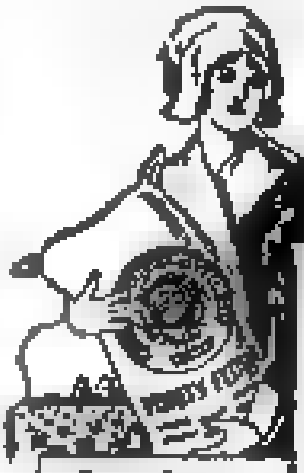
In Mrs. Price's bulletin on Immigration sent out to U.F.W.A. Locals in August it was stated that $15,000 was included in the estimates voted by the House of Commons for the Department of Immigration and Colonization under the head of "Unforeseen Immigration." The amount should have been $100,000.

"A very successful dance was given by Rathwell U.F.W.A. on the night of the 18th at Rathwell Hall," writes Mrs. Reuben Harris, secretary. "The proceeds amounted to $67. The proceeds children had a candy booth at the dance in aid of their library, so it is giving a dance and supper for November.

Mrs. Strang, U.F.W.A. Director, spoke on Alberta homes and co-operation at a recent meeting of Ashright U.F.W.A. Local which is the experiment of the members, reports Mrs. E. Eastman, secretary. Mr. Strang also spoke on the necessity of co-operation. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Chandler.

Sailors, broadway babies, mounted policemen, girls with skeletons, pumpkin girls, Britannia negroes and clowns were among those present at the masquerade dance held by Poplar Ridge U.F.W.A. Local, says the *Red Deer Advocate*. Prize winners were Mrs. Sperofsky, Mrs. Bob Dog and Messrs. G. Jones and H. Sudlow.

Members of Kirkella U.F.W.A. Local were recently entertained by their sister Local at the home of Mrs. S. H. Grimmett, states the *Lacombe Advocate*. Mrs. W. Cadwell, Miss Bob Ash, Mrs. Mennenger, Captain Campbell, Mrs. Gaffield, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. T. Campbell contributed to an interesting program. A letter was read from Agnes McPhail



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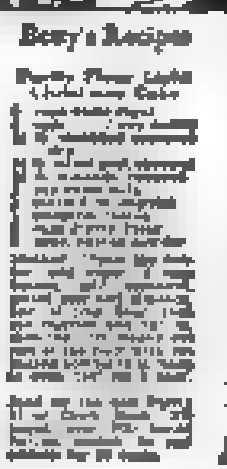
I always imagined fruit cake was so difficult to make—and the past, but it is much easier making any other cake. Good results depend chiefly in the blending of the ingredients into the mixture, the order in which the mixture is worked up to a smooth cream as one gradually works the sugar into the butter. The oven must be even and moderate.

I am looking forward to seeing you and Dad with us for Christmas, Mother."

Your loving Mary

Mary's Recipe

Purity Flour Layer Cake



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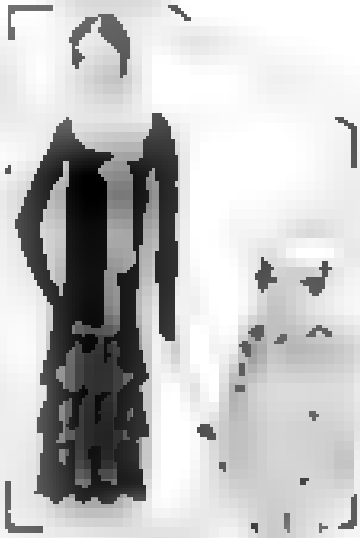

Seasonable Recipes

Lethbridge Director

Mrs. Marie Muller of Warner has been appointed U F W A Director for Lethbridge constituency in place of Mrs. Jackson who resigned on leaving for Edmonton. The U F W A Executive made the appointment the Board having delegated to them authority to do so. Mrs. Muller received the next highest number of votes to Mrs. Jackson from both conventions at the last Annual Meeting.

The Tragedy of 1914-1918

"Next the year were the double disasters of the War and the Peace the destruction wrought by the destructive engines of war, and the spiritual ruin consequent upon the moral chaos which followed in the wake of the conflict. Both of these disasters were brought about by the deliberate policy of men who were in a position to do so. Many millions of men and women and children perished miserably as the result of the War, and millions more were left maimed and broken in body and mind. Many millions more were reduced to poverty and starvation as the result of the Peace. Both

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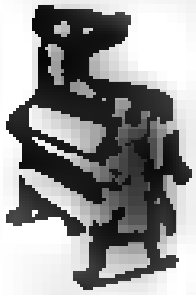

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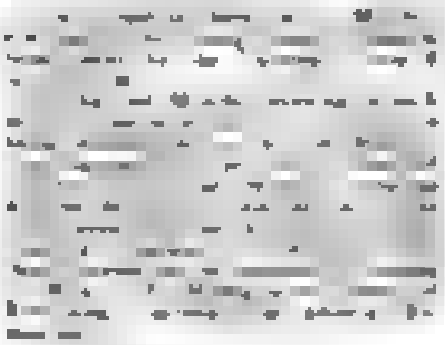

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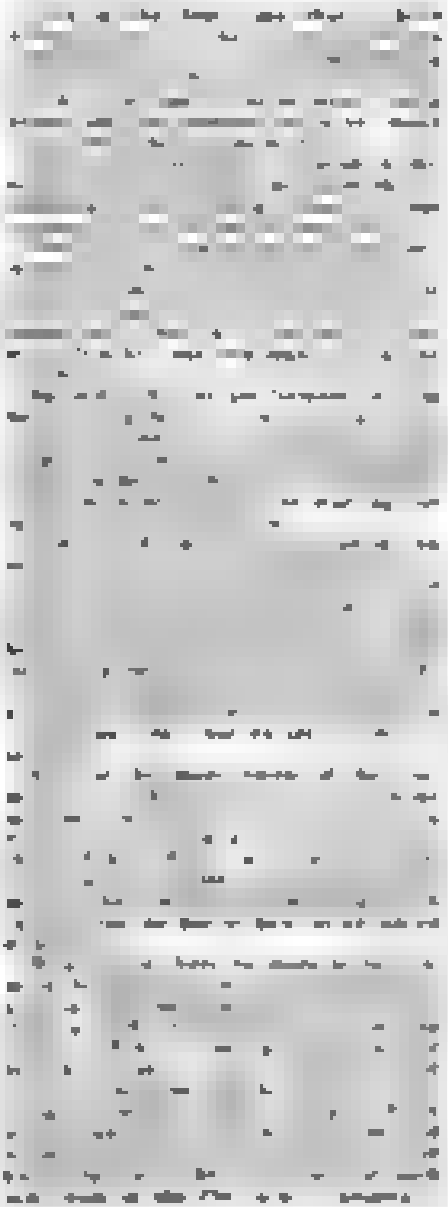
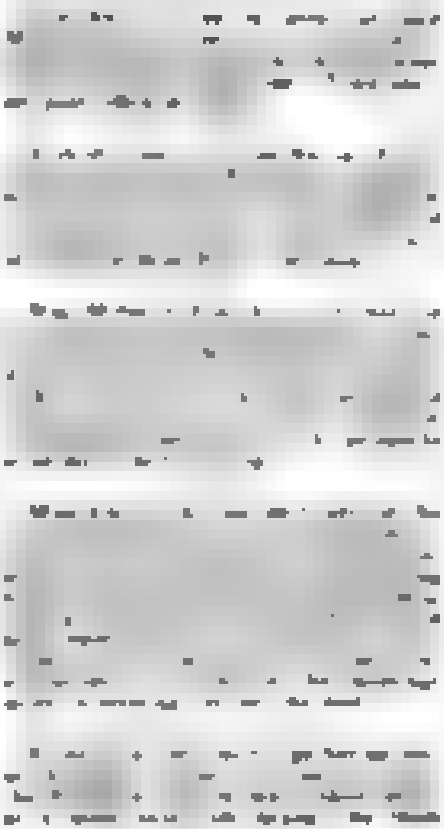


Among the Junior Locals



Juniors have only been organized a short time and as this is their first large social function. Council congratulates them on their success, and wishes them the best of luck in the start. Miss Esther Jane Lauk, secretary, informs us that the sum of $60.00 was realized.

The regular meeting of the Bismarck Juniors was held at the home of Archie Lewis with several visitors as well as members present. Owing to the absence of the president and the vice-president, Ernest McDougall was elected chairman of the meeting. Each member was asked upon to give a Hallowe'en song or recitation, those coming unprepared had to pay a fine of 25 cents. The next meeting being the Annual meeting, each member is to prepare with box lit of the words the local to operate during the year. The Bismarck Juniors made a profit of thirty-six dollars at a recent dance.

HOW RATS IS MANUFACTURED

"A particularly brazen case of propaganda falsehood, with enormous roots, queues of loathing and ill-will was be ubiquitous, accompanied by photographs, that the Germans were in the habit of sending their dead to a rendering factory where corpses were turned into commercial fat. Orentus Charteris has now told how the story was invented. He was its author. He happened to have two pictures, one showing the removal of dead horses to the rendering factory and the other showing the removal of dead soldiers for burial. He very simply changed the titles, and then forged a German diary and placed it in the pocket of a dead prisoner, where he was found it. From a book review in Canadian Forward.

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Tommy was quiet for ten minutes. Then "Mamma, I want a drink."

"Tommy go to sleep at once!"

"But Mamma, I want a drink."

"If you don't go to sleep this minute I'll come and thrash you."

More silence, then time for about two minutes. And then

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berta Live Stock Pool. Practically everyone from the head of the Government down to the last Pool member seemed quite convinced that the next step in their program of co-operative development was the ownership of their own packing plants. Mr. Clarke said, "We must change our basis of price fixing. It is impossible to do orderly marketing when such an overwhelming majority of hogs are sold within a period of two months. We must depend on the packer to buy and place our product. It must remain with a highly perishable product to pay that can be stored and distributed in an orderly manner, as consumers' requirements be set. That can best be done by the live stock producers themselves."

In connection the ownership of packing plants by live stock producers Mr. Reed is follow by the entire list of delegates at the last annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool. At that time a plan was provided to finance the purchase of co-operative packing plants and was approved. Mr. Reed explained. At the last session of the Alberta Legislature an act was passed giving the Government power to guarantee 85 per cent of the cost of acquiring or building plants and facilities required by co-operative marketing associations. The Government of Alberta has passed this legislation realizing that as soon as marketing within provinces thereby the Canada system of co-operation may function as Alberta has a proper basis.

"In order to qualify for a guarantee under the Act, it is necessary that the Pool provide 5 per cent of the capital required to purchase or build our packing plants. This amount has been made in the new Marketing Agreement whereby each member is required to take a trust certificate of stock in the association, valued at $5.

"If every present member will take another five shares, the Pool will have ample capital to acquire a packing plant in both Edmonton and Calgary. There is also provision in the Marketing Agreement for the setting aside of a Capital Reserve fund which the producer will be given stock as he completes up to the 5 per cent of the amount in the reserve. All stock will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. Members have the option of subscribing for stock either for cash or by note. Those subscribing by note will agree to have the required amount deducted from the sale of first live stock delivered to the Pool at some later date.

"Stock subscribed by members will be held in trust by the Pool, each member receiving from time to time an official statement of the amount of stock standing to his name. The profit and loss applicable to the reserves of the Live Stock Pool in the same manner as is now being used in connection with the Wheat and Dairy Pools. The initial payments made on all live stock delivered to the Pool will be at least the current market price on condition will prevail, bearing in mind however that the provincial will, when final payment covers the full value of the live stock delivered by the Pool less the percentage charges of the operating expenses and any deductions set forth in the Marketing Agreement.

"This is the plan that has been provided to finance the operation of our co-operative packing plants on condition that such support and such volume is signed up as mentioned.

A Call for Membership

The membership drive, which was started on [illegible] has made considerable progress up to [illegible] be done the succeeding season commenced on [illegible] ago. Now that harvest [illegible] and threshing are over, it is the opportune time to urge all our local Boards of Directors to vigorously make a last effort to complete their membership drive. A great many of our problems and difficulties will disappear as soon as our membership drive is completed.

The Directors of the Alberta Livestock Pool have covered their respective districts and everything is now in readiness for the Pool to commence to operate the drive. Some U.F.A. local associations have already reported a goodly per cent standing of their old membership. In many cases, however, the actual work of securing the old memberships is yet to be completed. The Directors of the Provincial organization are optimistic that a fruitful harvest of contracts awaits the Pool. During the campaign just prior to harvesting time, it was brought to the attention of the Provincial Directors that there were a number of unorganized districts calling for assistance and organization.

Never Completed.

Occasionally we hear the question asked, "When are we going to have our organization work towards will?" The answer to such question is, "Never." A wise man has remarked that when you are through changing you are through. When the Alberta Livestock Pool arrives at the place where it is decided that nothing more can be done to build up the Pool and its country shipping unit is over, it will be a good time for the members to commence to look around for a new set of directors. If every local director and officer of a local shipping association will do his part to complete the sign up, there is every reason to believe that the Livestock Pool will continue to have the largest contract membership of any of the six Provincial organizations that make up the Canadian Co-operative Livestock Producers.

National Marketing Association for United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. General plans for a central livestock marketing agency to be known as the National Livestock Marketing Association were unanimously agreed upon by representatives of twenty-two co-operative livestock marketing associations in conference with the Federal Farm Board in Chicago, October 23rd and 24th, 1929. An organization committee of nine members was created by the co-operatives to work out details and draft articles of incorporation and by-laws for the association, which will have a capital stock of approximately $5,000,000. When the committee completes its work the plan will be submitted to the representatives of the twenty-nine co-operatives and the Federal Farm Board for final approval.

Under the adopted plan co-operatives have united to pool their forces and to strengthen their bargaining power. Thus, as proposed, all co-operative agencies are uniting their efforts to stimulate each and every essential in marketing and to re-organize all [illegible] control and direct the movement of livestock from the

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C. F. A. Executive Protests Against Farm Loans "Blanketing" Policy

Late U.F.W.A. News

At a recent meeting of East Kootenay U.F.W.A. [illegible] at the home of Mrs. [illegible] was decided to hold a tea and sale of home cooking on Thursday, [illegible]

[illegible] meeting [illegible] and helpful [illegible] Women's [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs.

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Resolutions for U.F.A. Annual Convention

Publication of resolutions to come before the Annual [illegible] with all resolutions received from our last issue.

CONSTITUTION

Fee Basis of Membership Fee

Resolved that section 19 subsection 1 of the Constitution of the U.F.A. be amended to read "Membership fee shall be due on January 1st each year [illegible] of any year or other date may be designated by a directors' [illegible] Moose Jaw Area

Contingency in Constitution

Whereas, there has been considerable embarrassment through the [illegible] of the Constitution of the Wheat Pool Delegates [illegible] Whereas the Wheat Pool is [illegible] and [illegible] of proper

This [illegible] required that we do organize as [illegible] a Provincial Wheat Board to conduct the Pool business in the future. Therefore be resolved [illegible]

Compulsory Distribution of Supplies

Whereas we look to see that the time is now ripe for the U.F.A. to go on the Compulsory Distribution of [illegible] to its members. Be

Whereas we are not satisfied but that we should go on [illegible] principles

Therefore be it resolved that this convention endorse the plan submitted by the Elbow District Convention, [illegible] as follows

1. Have the [illegible] under the Co-operative Associations Act
2. Have each member of a local subscribe [illegible] to be [illegible] This plan would [illegible] be applicable to [illegible]
3. Hold all the shares or investment in one of the [illegible] until the amount of $5 per member is subscribed
4. Wherever possible let the [illegible] have a small building [illegible] with the object of the Association getting on it. The [illegible] would [illegible] and as [illegible] a depot.
5. Whatever be the [illegible] a group of [illegible] having the same trading needs should [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible]
6. The U.F.A. [illegible] to [illegible] all goods in bulk possible to the general storekeeping [illegible] plan to [illegible] from the wholesale [illegible] and [illegible] they handle [illegible] with the [illegible]
7. [illegible]
8. [illegible] allowed to sell these goods [illegible] that [illegible] on [illegible] and handling charges
9. [illegible] of the U.F.A. [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] other [illegible] Returns for the annual report of [illegible] showing [illegible] from the members for their [illegible]

In the [illegible] the people with [illegible] the [illegible] be [illegible] by [illegible] The [illegible] of the U.F.A. [illegible] to provide [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to agricultural immigration.—*U.F.A. Annual Conference on Federal Affairs.*

Resolved that this Conference approves the policy of consultation between the Provincial and Federal Governments in immigration matters, and that the Provincial Government be urged to continue to use its best influence to restrict mentally inadequate to this Province.—*U.F.A. Annual Conference on Federal Affairs.*

Resolved, that we protest against the indiscriminate dumping of immigrants into Alberta at this time, and

Further that we urge the Provincial Government to protest at once to the Federal Immigration Authorities asking that this be stopped immediately.—*Beaverhill Provincial C. A.*

Diplomatic Relations

That this Conference reaffirm the resolution passed by the Annual Convention of January, 1926, urging the restoration of normal diplomatic and trade relations with Russia, and urge the Dominion Government to take immediate steps to that end.—*U.F.A. Annual Conference on Federal Affairs.*

PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

Power Development

Whereas, up to the present time private interests are securing a monopoly of the power rights of the Province;

Therefore be it resolved, that the U.F.A. urge upon the Provincial Government to take immediate action to develop and distribute electric power as a public utility.—*Medicine Federal C. A.*

Edmonton to Wainwright Highway

Whereas, the Provincial Highway running east from Edmonton to Wainwright terminates at Wainwright;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention ask the Department of Public Works to extend this highway east to the meridian on some road approved by the Government Engineers' department.—*Wainwright Provincial C. A.*

Secondary Highways

Whereas, the secondary highways in the Province cannot receive proper inspection by Government engineers in regard to maintenance on account of the large territory they have to inspect;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention go on record favoring the supervision of such maintenance being placed in the hands of municipal councils and that the municipal councils report on such work to the Department of Municipal Affairs.—*Wainwright Provincial C. A.*

Long Term Farm Loans Act

Whereas, the part dry season will necessitate much greater use of the Long Term Loan Act by farmers of the Province;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Provincial Board of Management of the said Act do all they can to speed up the administration of the above Act and further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Provincial Treasurer.—*Wainwright Provincial C. A.*

Steam Boiler Inspection

Whereas, twenty years ago only five dollars was charged for the inspection of steam boilers, and

Whereas, in 1917 this was raised to $7.50 and this amount charged whether boilers were inspected or not, and

Whereas, this has now been raised to ten dollars and owners of gasoline engines have no fees to pay;

Therefore be it resolved, that steam traction boilers not plowing and threshing go on the free list.—*Rumsden District Assn.*

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Where Should Responsibility Lie for Care of Indigent Immigrants?

Garland Declares With Those Who Bring Them In—Most Successful Series of Meetings Continues in Bow River

Who should assume the responsibility for the care of indigent immigrants? E. J. Garland, M.P., at a meeting of the council of Norquay Municipality which he was invited to attend recently on account of the serious condition which had arisen there, declared that the responsibility should rest with those who were responsible for bringing the immigrants in.

In the course of a description of a recent series of meetings in Bow River Federal Constituency, attended by Mr. Garland, Harvey Hanson, and himself, H. W. Leonard, secretary of the constituency association, outlines the situation in this municipality. The councillors drew Mr. Garland's attention to a municipal outlay of several hundred dollars for the care of penniless immigrants. The member expressed the opinion that the municipalities should not be held responsible, and advised that a strong protest be lodged with the Department of Immigration and the Canadian Pacific Railway. In this instance, it appeared, the C.P.R. was responsible, and Mr. Garland held that any organization which brings immigrants to Canada should be held definitely responsible for looking after them during their unemployment periods for at least two years.

More than a hundred persons attended the meeting held by Mr. Garland and party at Swalwell, where several delightful musical numbers were rendered, states Mr. Leonard. Mr. Leonard and Mr. Hanson spoke briefly, followed by A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., who explained the need of a co-operative packing plant, and described the steps being taken towards the establishment of such a plant. Mr. Garland then spoke, receiving a very cordial welcome.

Two Astonished Visitors

"A very interesting incident at this meeting," Mr. Leonard states, "was the presence of two gentlemen from Illinois, U.S.A., who are familiar with farming conditions in that state. After following proceedings closely and asking many questions, these gentlemen said this was the most wonderful meeting of an economic and political organization they had ever attended. They could hardly understand, they said, how we did it. They expressed the opinion that our organization and its methods were distinctly ahead of anything of the kind elsewhere, and were dumfounded by the statement of the cost of conducting our political campaigns as revealed in the secretary-treasurer's statement, as it was far below anything they had imagined possible."

A meeting with the Besseker Board of Trade was made especially pleasant by the cordial address of welcome of F. A. Lopat, mayor of Besseker. After the toast to the King, J. H. Schmaltz, vice-president of the Bow River Constituency Association, and also a member of the Board, introduced Mr. Garland in an effective speech.

There was a fairly good attendance at Irricana, quite a number of persons who had attended the Acme meeting being present. Evidently the punishment was not excessive. After the meeting proper an informative and useful discussion was led by D. Howell, president of the Local, on co-operation. "If this were done more frequently," states Mr. Leonard, "it would add much to the interest of the meetings. The party were most pleasantly entertained here by Mr. Howell and Mr. McCune."

At Keoma a large crowd attended, and, states Mr. Leonard, "we had the pleasure of meeting here Vaughan Kempton, president of the Bow River Liberal Association and learned some new jokes from this delightful raconteur. We are surely learning co-operation. The meeting was full of pep and much good was done in an organization way. Mr. Bamby occupied the chair."

An Indian Deputation

A most successful meeting was held at Dalroy. At Langdon frozen roads and a snow storm cut down the attendance, it being regarded as a compliment to be met by anyone on such a night. There were 18 present. "There was a good attendance at Namaka, this meeting being made notable by the presence of a band of Indians who had come to meet Mr. Garland about their affairs with the Department of the Interior—a good example of the usefulness of the annual tour of the constituency by the member. Also the matter of a rural mail route out of Namaka was taken up.

"The Standard meeting (substituting for Strathmore) was one of the most enjoyable of the tour—well-attended, interested, and most responsive. Several musical numbers were enjoyed and the meeting ended with an excellent supper. With the crop in the shape it is in and starvation threatening, these courtesies are much appreciated by three itinerant farmers plodding over lonely roads.

"There was a good meeting at Cluny, and arrangements were made to reorganize the Local. Here we were joined by Ben Plumer of the Wheat Pool. The chairman said he noted that the secretary had suggested some form of entertainment to lighten up the somberness of the meetings, so 'I invited Ben Plumer.' Ben's talents are developing variously. He was a welcome addition to the party.

"The meeting at Gem was a large one. A. P. Miller acted as chairman. Several musical numbers were given. A beautiful rendition of 'Home,' by Mrs. Basil Benjamin, accompanied by the piano, had especial merit. The large room of the consolidated school was full. Our party was entertained delightfully by the McGuires and the Robinsons.

"Shandlire greeted us with a fine chicken dinner. Although the Local is a small one the attendance was large, over 125 tickets having been sold for the supper. W. M. Ward, of Arrowwood, occupied the chair and he was also our host until the next meeting.

Over 200 at Queenstown

"At Queenstown we met the largest attendance so far, over 225 people being in the hall. It was like the old days of '21. John Clambeck was in the chair. An unusual feature is that many people after hearing the addresses at one meeting, come to the next also. We were regaled here with another excellent fowl dinner by the ladies of Queenstown. The Queenstown Local put us up at the local hotel which enabled us to dock for repairs and have a real rest.

Local Reorganized

"At Armada, where there has been no Local for a number of years, the attendance was good. John Magnuson was elected chairman. After the speaking, the Local was reorganized with 12 members, mostly paid up. John Magnuson was elected president and John Larsen secretary.

"Badger Lake turned out a crowd that filled the hall, many people standing throughout the meeting. Lawrence Petersen, the M.L.A. for Taber, joined us and took part in the speaking and dealt shortly with Provincial affairs. Mr. Garland is spending Sunday with Solomon Trew and Mr. Hansen and myself with the Teasdales. On the whole, the attendance and interest have been better than last year."

We regret that space limitations prevent publication in this issue of accounts of the very successful later meetings held by the Bow River party at which membership was greatly stimulated. We hope to publish these in our next issue.—*Editor.*

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